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the Albanian military command of Argyrokastron has strengthened the frontier guard units in the Pogoni area, especially in the villages of Tsiatista, Chlomo, Sopik and Politsa, which are near the border. The strength of the soldiers in all these villages now totals 250, while before it used to be 150.

2. The Albanian Government has called up eight age groups, those born during the years 1920-28; they were to present themselves between 20 January and 25 January 1949.
3. Those serving in the Albanian Army have been told not to request leave for a period of one year because of the extraordinary military requirements.
4. During the past month the Government has distributed proclamations throughout Albania, calling on the guerrillas and political refugees to surrender by 15 March 1949. Those giving themselves up would be judged with clemency. There are 195 political criminals who will benefit by this measure as the rest of their sentence has been remitted.

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